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SUBJ: U.S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

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1. UNILAG STILL VERY INTERESTED IN YOUNG BUT NEEDS DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED BEFORE DECISION CAN BE MADE. ALTHOUGH FULBRIGHT AWARD IS PREFERRED, UNIVERSITY MIGHT BE WILLING CONTRACT PRIVATELY WITH CANDIDATE. BUT LOCAL SALARY ALONE (ABOUT \$8,300) WOULD NOT BE VERY COMPETITIVE.

2. POST URGES DEPT. RECONSIDER POSITION RE FUNDING TWO PROFESSORS IN SOME UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT, DUE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED BELOW. FIRST, COMPUTER SCIENCE OPENING REPRESENTS LONG STANDING REQUEST AND REFLECTS UNILAG'S DESIRE BALANCE COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT WITH MORE U.S. EXPERTISE. AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, STAFF OF NINETEEN INCLUDES BRITISH-TRAINED DEPARTMENT HEAD, FIVE NIGERIAN LECTURERS TRAINED IN MOSCOW OR LENINGRAD, PLUS NATIONALS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND CANADA. ONLY ONE AMERICAN IS ON STAFF; ANOTHER HEADS COMPUTER CENTER (SEPARATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE). GIVEN ABOVE SITUATION, WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE MORE REPRESENTATION FROM THE COUNTRY THAT PIONEERED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY IF UNIVERSITY WAHYTRUT.

3. IN ADDITION, POST GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO COMPUTER
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SCIENCE SEMINAR DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 75-76. TWO FULBRIGHTERS

IN THIS FIELD COULD BE VALUABLE RESOURCE PERSONS AND OBVIATE
NEED FOR STAG GRANT.

4. IF THERE IS NO WAY TO AWARD TWO GRANTS, WE SHOULD AT LEAST
BE RESPONSIVE TO UNILAG REQUEST RE INFORMATION IT NEEDS TO
DECIDE ON YOUNG. POST HAD ASSUMED FROM PREVIOUS MESSAGES
THAT DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGED IDEA OUR FACILITATING PRIVATE HIRE OF
NON-FUNDED FULBRIGHT CANDIDATES.

5. ADVISE IF YOUNG CAN BE FUNDED AND IF REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION
FORTHCOMING.
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